

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 1557 – HB 1567**

January 28, 2016

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Prohibits, on or after July 1, 2016, a court from awarding any retroactive child support for more than five years from the date the action for support is filed unless the court finds that the obligor deliberately avoided service or knowingly impeded or delayed the imposition of a support obligation. If it is found the obligor avoided service or impeded the child support obligation, the court may order retroactive support from the date the court determines to be equitable and just.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions:

- The provisions of the proposed legislation may reduce the amount of child support a private party is owed. Any fiscal impact due to the reduction in retroactive child support will be borne by the private party and will not have an impact on state and local government.
- According to the Department of Human Services Child Support Division, this limitation would not affect the operations or administration of the program and can be accommodated within existing resources.
- While the proposed legislation may impact the amount of child support ordered in cases for retroactive support before the court, there will not be a significant impact on the number of cases in the court system. As a result, any impact on state and local government revenue or expenditures will be not significant.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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